

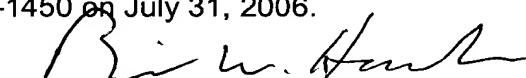
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Robert Arthur LEE et al. )  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 2, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for three-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to August 2, 2006. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.